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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SU, KS, KN, UN
SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: KOREA AT THE UN AND NON-ALIGNED
CONFERENCES

1. THERE HAS BEEN SOME NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY
IN KHARTOUM RECENTLY DURING WHICH THEY PRESUMABLY HAVE BEEN
TESTING SUDANGOV REACTIONS TO POSSIBLE DEBATE OF KOREAN
ISSUE AT NACC AND UNGA LATER THIS YEAR. LOCAL PRESS
HAS REPORTED THAT NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR DURING PAST FEW
WEEKS HAS MET WITH HIGH SUDAN SOCIALIST UNION OFFICIALS;
SSU IS ONLY LEGAL POLITICAL PARTY IN SUDAN. HE HAS ALSO
MET WITH UNDERSECRETARY AT FOREIGN MINISTRY.
2. ACCORDING TO SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR DONG KUN KIM
NORTH KOREANS ARE SENDING HIGH LEVEL TEAM TO SELECTED
AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, THIS
TEAM IS NOT TPT NOT COMING TO KHARTOUM. AMBASSADOR KIM
SAID THAT HE BELIEVES SUDANGOV WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL ON
KOREAN QUESTION AND HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY CHANGE IN
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SUDANGOV POSITION IN NEAR FUTURE.
3. COMMENT: SUDAN HAS FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. EACH COUNTRY IS PROVIDING
SOME ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN, BUT SOUTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN
MORE ACTIVE RECENTLY. SUDANESE, WHO PRESENTLY ARE IN
ANTI-SOVIET MOOD, PROBABLY FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE THESE
DAYS WITH SOUTH KOREA. THEY PROBABLY WOULD PREFER TO

AVOID GETTING INVOLVED IN ANY DISCUSSION OF KOREAN
QUESTION IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. HOWVEER, IF KOREAN
QUESTION IS RAISED EITHER IN NON-ALIGNED OR IN UN
CONTEXTS WE AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR KIM THAT SUDANGOV
WILL MOSTL LIKELY REMAIN NEUTRAL.

4. DEPARTMENT PASS OTHER ADDRESSEES AS DESIRED.

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